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Selection of King, Queen Planned to Climax First 'Twelfth Night' Dance

Special feature of the Twelfth Night Dance next Thursday night, January 14, in the big gym will be crowning of a king and queen chosen from those attending. Dancing will be from 9-12 p.m. to the music of George Schoen's orchestra. It is a semi-formal affair, which means formals for the girls and suits for the fellows.

Twelfth Night is so called because it is the twelfth day of Christmas, actually January 6, but in this case postponed until January 14. In European towns it is traditionally students' night. The students from the universities take over the town with a celebration similar to the New Orleans Mardi Gras.

A huge banquet is held, and at this banquet each student gets a little cake. The fellow and girl with the specials cakes having a bean or some other small object in them are king and queen for the big dance, and the

O'Connor Will Speak at Convo

MSTC students will have the opportunity to hear the president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis when Basil O'Connor, former law partner of President Roosevelt, speaks at convocation Monday, January 11 at 10 a.m.

Basil O'Connor is a senior member of the law firm of O'Connor and Farber and president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1915 and to the New York Bar the year following, O'Connor was a partner in Roosevelt and O'Connor, until 1933, when Roosevelt was elected President.

O'Connor regards the fight against infantile paralysis as his lifetime job, or, as he puts it, "until we have liberated the American home from this constant threat."

other students pay homage to them that evening.

In the case of the MSTC party, however, students will be given special tickets as they enter the gym. Half of the ticket they will keep and the other half will be placed in a box for the drawing. The fellow and the girl whose tickets are drawn will be crowned king and queen for the evening by senior class president Jar-

oslav Kruta.

MS students, faculty, and MS high seniors will be admitted on their activity tickets. Guest tickets, \$1, may be purchased in the Student Exchange Bookstore next week.

Senior class officers Kruta, Phyllis Hans, Eugene Dehlin, and Janice Levenson and social commissioner Jerry Miksche are in charge of general arrangements for the dance.

Second Nigerian Student To Arrive January 14

Christian Ojuri of Ebute-Metta, Nigeria, is expected to arrive in Moorhead, Thursday, January 14, in order to enroll as a student at MSTC.

About a month ago, Ojuri left Nigeria by boat and was in England during the holidays.

When Ojuri's train comes in next Thursday evening, Dean of Men John Jenkins and some MSTC students will meet and welcome him.

Ojuri finished his high school training in December, 1949, and was employed as a draftsman in his native city.

He expects to major in science and is especially interested in biology.

Perhaps the Nigerian's major problem will be adjusting to Minnesota's winter climate. He has never seen snow and probably never known temperatures lower than 65°F. His clothing doubtless will be insufficient for our northern weather, and he will need some help along this line.

Another of Ojuri's problems will probably be the question of food; the food he is accustomed to in Liberia is much different than what we have here in America.

Since World War II, approximately 1000 Nigerian students have attended American colleges and universities. At the present time about 200 Nigerians come annually to the United States for college training.

Ojuri will be the second Nigerian student to attend MSTC. In 1951, Sebastian Isola Kola-Bankole enrolled here.

College Night's Second Session Adds New Courses, Continues Old

Beginning next Tuesday, January 12, and continuing through Tuesday, March 16, will be the second session of College Night. The brochure has been completed and mailed out to prospective participants.

Included in the brochure were course descriptions and faculty leaders. Several courses are continuations from the first session. Several new classes were also added.

"Understanding Economics" is a continuation course under the leadership of Dr. Paul Heaton, chairman of the department of business education.

Dr. G. D. Robbins, director of the professional divisions, is coordinator for "Problems in Human Behavior," and advanced course continuing many of the problems of the first session.

Offered again this session is "Recreational Activities of Children" with Flora Frick, chairman of the department of physical education, as coordinator.

Dean's List Honors Given 128 Students

Results of fall quarter grades placed 128 students on the dean's list. The freshmen top, the list with 52; followed in order by the sophomores, 36; seniors, 22; and juniors, 17. One post-graduate student was also listed in this honor group.

Seniors named were Charles Brown, Arland Brusven, Ronald Burnett, Gerald Christianson, Genevieve Collins, Merlen Erickson, Kenneth Garland, Benjamin Hammond, Phyllis Hans, John Johansson, Jaroslav Kruta;

Joan Larson, Elaine La Valley, Janice Levenson, Roger Murray, William Nelson, Jo A. Remster, John Rosequist, Neil Rudd, Hugh Schoephoerster, Irene Segesvary, and Eugene Sullivan.

Juniors: Eugene Berndt, Le Roy DuBois, Donald Ellingson, Shereen Erickson, Louise Forman, Alice Johnston, Alex Kamarkovic, Lynn Lynch, Mary Matheson, Twilla Monson, August Mueller;

Gloria Pastorious, Robert Pettit, Betsy Robinson, Ronald Sass, Rhoda Senechal, and Robert Tolbert.

Sophomores: Anne Anderson, Nancy Bergan, Mildred Bjornstad, Patricia Bucholz, Lois Commer, Joan Crosby, Barbara Eckles, Elaine Erkila, Marilyn Feist, Joan Fett, Vivian Floberg, Donna Freeman, Jeanne

Gelder, Howard Heil, Norma Hoving; Reita Ingebrigtsen, Maud Ista, Joyce Johnson, Mildred Juvrud, Charles Knikerbocker, Glory Lempke, Herman Lippert, Ardell Lupkes, Jo Ann McHaney, Jane Nelson, Edna Olson, Mary Ann Pomeroy, Lois Roadfeldt;

Janice Sargent, June Snow, John Soeth, Margaret Starkey, Grace Svendsen, Donna Thomas, Angeline Vraa, and William Zimmer.

Freshmen: Frances Berkley, Barbara Bishop, Lulu Brainard, Joseph Bratton, Barbara Caughey, Mary Colberg, Mary Coyne, Opal Davison, Sandy DiBrito, Gloria Eia, Kathryn Fankhanel, Nancy Granger, John Haugo, Daniel Hoff, Andrew Hoff, Gerald Horstman, Frances Hurtt;

Rae Iverson, Marlene Jacobs, Anna Jacobson, Arlyn Johnson, Jeanne Johnson, Lois A. Johnson, Minerva Krieger, Mary Kuppich, Lorraine Lammers, Eleanor Loftsgard, Daisy McKenzie, Frank Mann;

Rodney Mapes, Sonia Meyer, Ruth Moe, Phyllis Mott, Jack Nelson, Barbara Newberger, John Nun, Joanne Nybakken, Mary Olich, Carrol A. Olson, Eleanor Reitan, Gayle Rockstad, Donald Schulenberg;

Franklyn Schulz, Robert Schumacher, Arlene Shelstad, Dorothy Shultz, Marlen Sorum, Mary Strahan, Kay Thompson, Gail Warnes, Valdine Weiss, and Norma Yoki.

Post-graduate student named was John Knight.

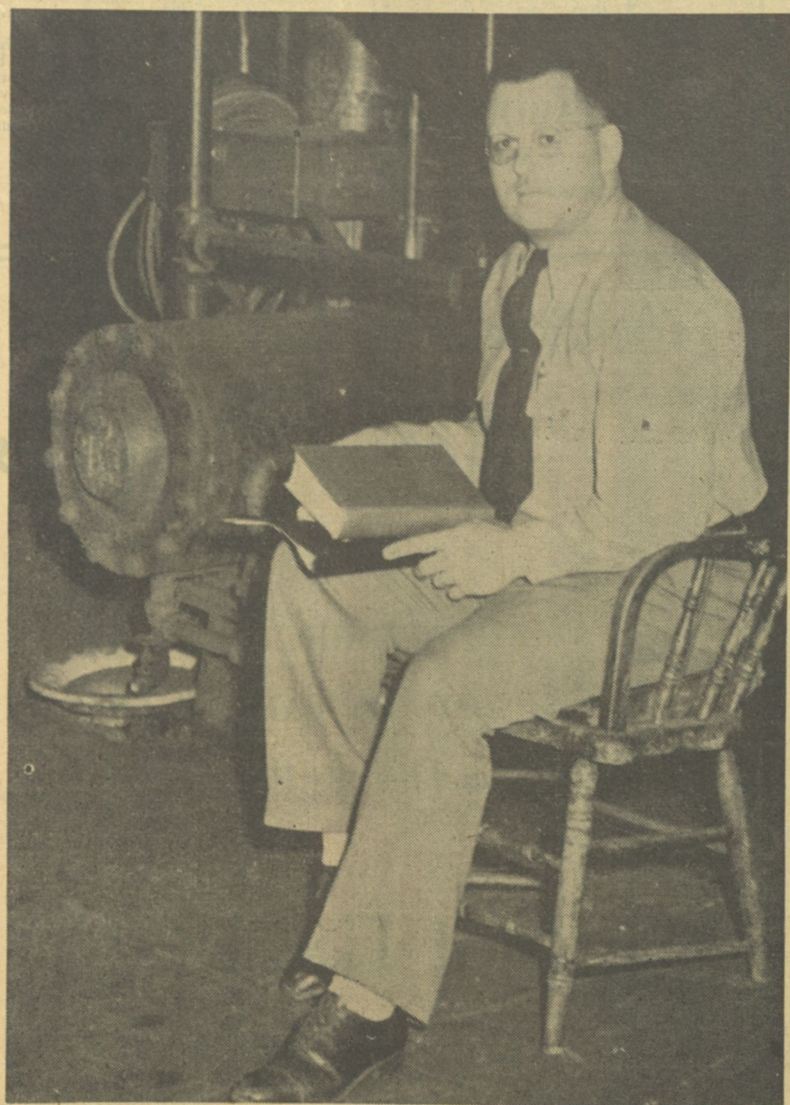
College Radio Opens New Program Series

A series of four programs featured from the prize production "The Jeffersonian Heritage" will be presented by the College Radio Program beginning Sunday, January 10, over station KVOX at 10:15 p.m.

The four programs to be presented are:

- I. "The Living Declaration."
- II. "The Democrat and the Communist."
- III. "Divided We Stand."
- IV. "Light and Liberty."

"The Jeffersonian Heritage" is based on the research, writing, and advice of Professor Dumas Malone of the department of history of Columbia University, produced and directed by Frank Papp, written by Morton Wishengrad and Milton Geiger, with music composed and conducted by Vladimir Selinsky, and starring Mr. Claude Rains as Thomas Jefferson.



FITTING BOTH BOOKS AND BOILERS INTO A DAY'S schedule keeps life busy for "Dutch" Ortner, college engineer turned student. MiSTiC photo by Arland Brusven.

'Dutch' Makes

College Degree Present Goal

by Ron Burnett

Henry "Dutch" Ortner does not look the aggressive man he actually is, and yet, in talking with him, one can hardly help observing the fact that here is a man who lives, so to speak, from goal to goal. The most recent goal which "Dutch" has chosen is a college education.

Henry Ortner, originally from Niagara Falls, New York, started to work at MS as a custodian in March, 1952, and in November of the same year he was assigned to the heating plant. In a sense this was only natural, since "Dutch" was good at plumbing, electrical work and machine work, not to mention piloting crop dusting planes, and riding in motorcycle races.

The forces which acted on "Dutch" and eventually caused him to start on a new course toward a college degree, are many and diverse. First of all was the feeling, as he put it, of always being on the bottom taking the orders. He decided that someday, when the opportunity presented itself, he would get the education that would put him on the other side.

Then there was the influence, however indirect, of the students and faculty. Dutch regards the college as "one big family" and because of this, he felt that he was on the outside. There was something warm and inviting about the place that he couldn't share because he just didn't belong.

Dutch feels that when you go out into life, you are passed by in favor of those who have an education. "Out in life everybody passes you by and

there you sit, I just got tired of sitting."

There was a catch in the whole plan. It seems that somewhere along the line Dutch had neglected to get his high school diploma. One day, while working on a math problem in his correspondence course for chief engineer, he asked Mr. Brand, then math instructor at the campus school, for some help. Mr. Brand was surprised to learn that Dutch had never graduated from high school and suggested that if there was an interest, an equivalent diploma could be secured by taking a series of test at the AC.

It wasn't too long before Dr. Foreman, registrar at MS, found a familiar face at his desk, asking about enrollment procedures. Dutch talked to other members of the MS faculty and found that they were all willing to help him get started. "In fact," Dutch says, "they almost talked me into it."

The students too were highly in favor of Dutch's new adventure. "People would come up to me and slap me on the back and encourage me. How could a fellow refuse to try to get an education when people are so helpful?" Thus it was that Henry Ortner became an MSTC freshman.

To start out, Dutch is taking eight hours of college work in addition to his regular duties in the heating plant. This first term, according to Dutch, is mostly an adjustment to his new schedule. When he gets used to the idea and the additional work, he will add more hours.

You won't hear Dutch talking about "if I get the degree," on the contrary he speaks with assurance about "when I get that bachelor's degree..." Eventually he hopes to teach industrial arts, the subject in which he will major while at college. After that? "Then there's the masters degree," says Dutch.

"I'm enjoying the whole thing very much, it's like starting a new life. If a person doesn't have some goal in life that is interesting to him, then he doesn't stay young. Education is an adventure because you're always learning something new. I want my kids to go to college and I think that I am setting an example for them. I don't want to be embarrassed later on when they ask me how much schooling I've had."

Dutch is proud, and he admits it, proud to be a student at MS, and whether he knows it or not, MS is proud to have him too.

Fall Grads Placed

The following students are candidates for graduation at the end of the fall quarter.

Elementary provisional — M. Jean Bain, Edith Chandler, Patricia Collins, Betty Deike, Marlene Michel and Virginia Seblen.

Bachelor of science — Robert Pawlowski.

Bachelor of arts — Robert Pawlowski.

Associate in arts — Darlene Wagner.

Student Government Is Record of Growth in Student Spirit, Unity

by Mary Matheson

The history of student government at Moorhead State Teachers College is a record of the gradual growth in student spirit and school unity.

During the years preceding the fall of 1926, there was a growing consciousness on the part of both faculty and students that some unifying force in school affairs was needed. Leadership in all school activities was missing, and co-ordination of extra-curricular affairs was difficult.

A committee was appointed by the president of the college to devise a plan for student control of activities. A constitution written by the committee was adopted by the student body.

The first constitution provided for two governing bodies, the Student Council and the Executive Senate. The first Student Council was organized, and promoted all-school parties and other social events.

During these first years, student opinion was being crystallized and all-school objectives were being formulated. During the year of 1928-29, the Executive Senate led in the promotion of many activities of the college which contributed toward the improvement of the spirit of the student body.

The entire extra-curricular program was reorganized and a definite schedule of all activities was made to avoid conflicts of meetings and to co-ordinate the entire program.

It was under the leadership of the senate and their sponsors that the daily schedule of classes was reor-

ganized so as to permit more flexibility in the promotion of vocal and instrumental music, as well as other extra-curricular affairs. With the help of the student senate, a college band was organized.

For the first time, Homecoming activities were organized and promoted on a big scale.

All of these activities tended to build a better college spirit and make extra-curricular activities serve useful purposes in the lives of the student body.

Realizing that the growth in student initiative demanded some changes in the organization, the Executive Senate prepared a new constitution providing for a student commission to replace the Student Council and Executive Senate.

The new Student Commission was elected by the students in the spring of 1929 and made plans for the year of 1929-30. The new machinery proved to be very effective in helping to meet changing conditions so that larger visions became realized.

Through the various departments with their separate committees, the commission regulated all phases of extra-curricular activities.

There was an evidence of growing responsibility and initiative on the part of many student leaders. To finance Homecoming activities, the commission instituted a tag day, and raised \$250 by means of student and faculty donations.

The commission was very effective in arousing support from the faculty and administration during the trying

days following the fire of February, 1930, which destroyed the main building, library, and training school.

Later a contest was held to select a symbol for the school. The once selected by the committee was suggested by the faculty counselor of the Student Commission. This symbol is a dragon which stands for bravery, strength, loyalty, and service. The design for the official dragon was prepared by the art students of the college under the direction of Miss Margaret McCarten.

The Student Commission consists of a president, a secretary-treasurer, a faculty counselor, and nine commissioners. These commissioners represent the interests of education, athletics and sports, forensics and literary work, musical activities, pep activity, properties, publicity, religious affairs, and social affairs, respectively.

The purpose of the Commission as stated in its constitution is "to uphold standards and ideals for all college activities, to crystallize student opinion, to develop and maintain desirable college traditions, and to make all extra-curricular activities serve useful purposes in the life of the institution and of the student body."

M. M.



"Worthal's not a fast player, but likes a place where he can swallow it in the way he can swallow it."

Music Notes from

Across the Great Circle

by Jan Levenson

February 7.

The next rehearsal will be held Tuesday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church in Fargo.

MSTC music organizations are back in the swing of things after vacation. The choir is working on "Drum Taps," Howard Hanson's musical setting to Walt Whitman's poetry, and the Faure "Requiem," which was given last spring.

Band members are practicing music for the annual tour which will be late this quarter or early spring quarter. Euterpe women's chorus, headed by Dr. Wenck, had a party last night and listened to recordings of the Christmas concert.

MSTC vocalists are invited to join with the Amphion Male Chorus, Fargo - Moorhead Women's Chorus, and church choirs of the surrounding area in singing Handel's "Messiah" Sunday.

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The Ferris Wheel

by Pat Ferris

We have now entered the doorway of Mr. New Year, who stands in the living room eagerly waiting and laughing (surely not at the Ferris Wheel), but we are ready to meet him with resolutions and vows.

As we venture further into the new year, we find that many of the world's problems are still with us. What of Russia? Jack M. Dinsfriend claims "Russia could beat the U. S. if they'd just leave us alone, for we would build more cars and make more whisky, have more accidents and shoot more people, and in 20 years there wouldn't be enough men left to fight one battle." Perhaps this person forgot about the rising birth rate in America.

One of the girls from Wheeler informs us that Jan Murray interviewed a pretty school teacher on his TV show. He complained, "We never had young teachers at my school. Our teachers were so old that they didn't teach history from a book - they remembered it." Fortunately none of our faculty has been on TV.

Many MS students walked 220 miles during their working days of

Christmas vacation. This was accomplished by those who hiked the 22-mile a day average made by postmen throughout the nation for 10 days. At this rate they would explode the fact that the average person walks 65,000 miles in a lifetime. Center.

Someone has given a good idea for killing an hour: Drive around one city block in Fargo.

Dr. George Nuckolls of Western State College apparently doesn't believe in too much class recitation. When asked what new course should be offered to the American college curriculum, he replied, "silence. If we learn to keep our big mouths shut at the proper time, we could spare the world much grief, sorrow, and misunderstanding." Dr. Nuckolls would have enjoyed the movie shown at this week's convocation program.

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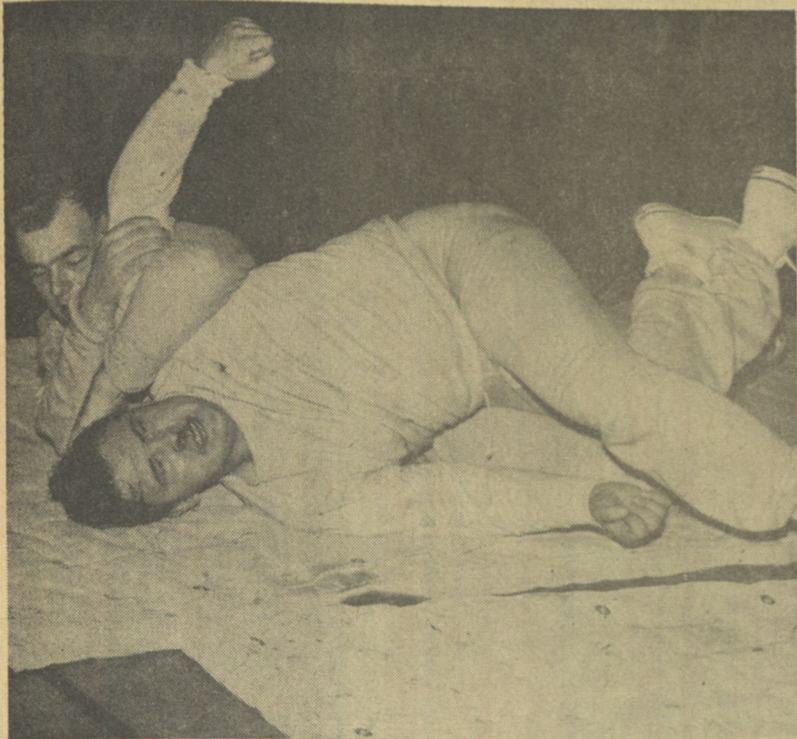
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SHORT STORIES

by Don Short

Received a letter from the *Pitt News*, the official bulletin of the University of Pittsburgh the other day in which they requested that we pick our All-American football team. We neglected to send it in, but for the benefit of the reader, we will pass on our suggestions.

If there is some disagreement among the reading populace about the fairness of the choices, keep it to yourselves and remember that Rome was not built in a day. (How could it, we hadn't started lend-lease yet?) and that all is fair in love and something.

Here they are:

RE-Winston Churchill—works best off the right, is pretty slow, but has bull-headed determination;

RT—Dean Acheson—has ability to be in thick of every mess;

RG—Dwight D. Eisenhower—good

fighter and able man, but tends to get faked out too easily;

C—Mitchell Rukavina—determined and dedicated, sneaky;

LG—Etoin Shrdlu.

LE — Harry Dexter White — has a way of lousy up the opponents back-field long after the play has been made, Disturbing;

LT — Dr. Kinsey — knows game well, has game down perfectly in theory, should succeed if he uses his knowledge;

BACKS — Harry Truman — reacts violently to situations that tend to upset his team. Dogged loyalty to fellow players but tends to rely too much on orders from the bench;

Joe McCarthy — called Smoky Joe by associates and worse by others, this man is shifty and cantankerous, a dangerous man indeed;

Manny Marget — good competitor;

Dragons Split Pair Over Vacation; Move South for Conference Tilts

The MSTC Dragons split a pair of games over the New Year's weekend with the Mayville (N.D.) Comets and the Bethel College Royals to bring their over-all record for the season to two wins and five losses. The Dragons topped the St. Paul team, 75-62, Saturday night, after losing the Friday night encounter with Mayville, 67-41.

In beating Bethel the Dragons held period leads of 13-6 and 45-43 for the first and third periods, although they had to be satisfied with a 25-25 half-time dead lock. John Torgerson led the way with 26 points; his brother Don, with 10, was the only other Dragon player to hit double figures.

Paul Redin led the Royals with 21 points; Gene Messenger scored 13. In Friday night's game against Mayville, MSTC never came close to Mayville, with the Comets leading 18-6, 30-15, and 47-32.

The MSTC Dragons move back into the season play this weekend as they swing south to meet the Winona Warriors tonight and then move on to Mankato tomorrow. Winona is in the process of building this year with all but two of last year's varsity and several outstanding freshmen. They wound up in fourth place last year, only a slot ahead of the cellar dwelling Dragons.

The Mankato Indians, still plenty tough from last year, seem to have lost some of the spark that drove them to the loop title. Sporting four members from last season's all-conference team, the Indians still are a

power to reckon with although they barely squeaked by the Dragons earlier this year 52-50. In addition to that close brush with the Dragons, Mankato lost a non-conference tussle to Bemidji in a Christmas tourney.

Wrestling Team Faces Morris; Lacks Depth

The Dragon wrestling team has been preparing for its first match with Morris Agricultural School, Tuesday, January 12.

The return of two lettermen brothers, Jerome and Pete Lague, will give the team added strength in two weights. Three other Moorhead students have also reported for practice. They are John Johnson, Jim Wallin, and Allan Holmes.

There is still a great lack on depth especially from 120 to 150 pounders.

Bemidji State Teachers has organized a team this year and is planning to meet the Dragon matmen in home and home contests.

A team captain will be elected some time next week, probably preceding the Dragons' first match of the season against Morris.

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Entrance Deadline Set For 1954 AE Songfest

Additional Songfest committee chairmen have been announced by Herb Johnson and Allen Pope, co-chairmen of the 1954 AE Songfest.

Now making preparations for the annual show are committee chairmen Ron Oliphant, publicity; Arland Brusven, staging and lighting; Ken Garland, printing and programs; and Ed Merck, judges.

All organizations and individuals desiring to enter an act in the Songfest should contact Johnson or Pope before Wednesday, January 13.

All organizations entering an act are requested to select a representative to the Songfest Steering Committee which will meet in the AE fraternity room, Thursday, January 14 at 4 p.m.

Wesley Delegates

Attend Conference

Rachel Briggs, DeLayne Riedberger, and Minerva Krieger, represented the MSTC Wesley club at the Fifth Quadrennial Conference of the Methodist Student Movement from December 28 through January 2 at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas. Approximately 2500 students

attended this conference.

The group traveled to the conference by car, accompanied by Rev. Irving Palm, pastor of the Grace Methodist church in Moorhead, Pat Clark and Carol Howe of Bemidji state teachers college.

LSA Program

Reverend Sanford Sorgen, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, will be the speaker on Sunday evening, January 10, at the LSA house, at 8 p.m. His topic will be "The Breath of Life," followed by a discussion period.

by Barbara Benson
Mr. Santa Claus had to make two trips this year — his regular Christmas Eve flight and another, carrying 99 extra gifts for the girls of Wheeler and Comstock Halls.

These gifts were 86 double and thirteen single desks — new, beautiful, and roomy. They were a much needed and a long awaited addition to the dormitories.

I don't wish to speak disrespectfully of those who have departed from us, but by the time we had our books, lamps, and radios on our old desks (bless them), there wasn't any room for working and studying. The new desks provide so much space and convenience that many girls will probably begin spending much more time at their desks.

(INSTRUCTORS: I wouldn't be

counting on better work by the weaker sex however, the extra time spent may be used for something other than study.)

On Monday morning a cloud of gloom seemed to have settled over the residents of Wheeler and Comstock as happens most Monday mornings. The reason may have been partially the thought of the next three months ahead of us without a vacation in view, and partially the thought of exchanging all those not too satisfactory Christmas gifts.

Then there were all the girls who came back with rings on their fingers. Naturally, they weren't feeling the slightest bit gloomy, it was those of us who came back without any that set the atmosphere of gloom.

Things are beginning to brighten up, however. In fact some of the girls have been just waiting to get back to school so they can dig into natural science, music elements, political science, humanities and all the rest — I don't know of any, but I guess there are some such people.

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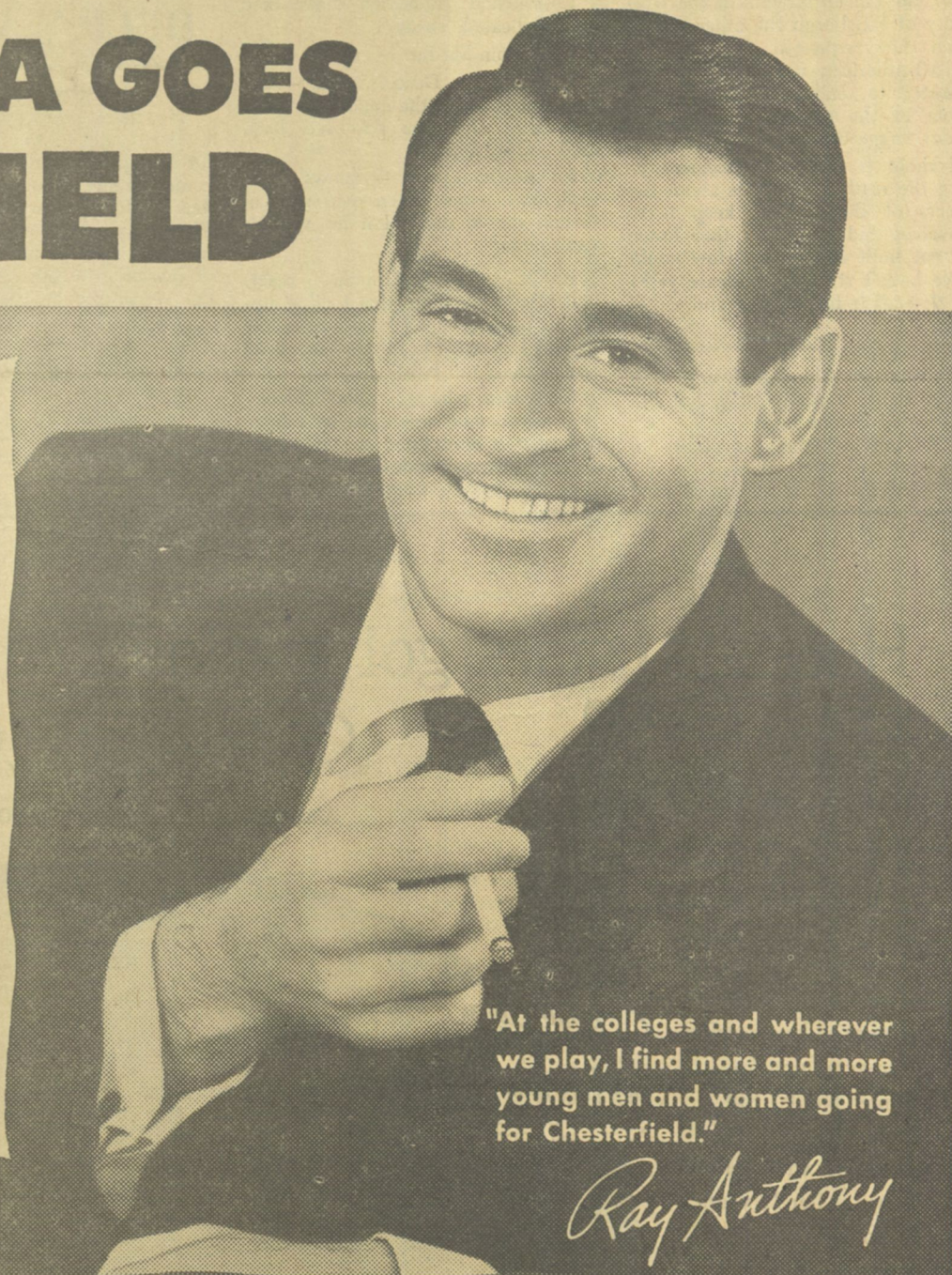
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